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IDHS CONTINUES TO DELIVER DISASTER ASSISTANCE FUNDS

Indianapolis – The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) announced today the delivery of over \$1.5 million in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster assistance funds to organizations impacted by the January ice storms and flooding.

"The recovery process from any event can be lengthy, as is evident by today's award, nearly six months after the January storms," said J. Eric Dietz, IDHS Executive Director. "However, with our partners at the local level, IDHS continues to standby, ready to assist Indiana communities during the entire span of any event through full recovery."

The recipients of the funds announced today are Rural Electric Membership Cooperatives (REMC). The REMCs are receiving the funds for damages sustained by the January storms to their power lines, poles and equipment and for debris removal.

The Whitewater Valley REMC, which serves Wayne, Randolph, Union, Fayette, Franklin and Dearborn Counties, will receive \$827,842 and the Boone REMC, which serves Boone County and portions of Clinton, Montgomery, Hendricks and Hamilton Counties, will receive \$674,308.

Both recipients remain eligible to receive additional funding for costs incurred as a result of the January events.

The FEMA funds delivered today are through the agency's Public Assistance Program. IDHS administers the program and its related funds in Indiana.

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